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Finalize Your Emergency Plans Ahead of Tropical Storm Cristobal

BATON ROUGE (June 6, 2020) – The Governor's Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Preparedness (GOHSEP) is urging everyone to finalize their emergency plans as Tropical Storm Cristobal continues to target the Louisiana coast. Heavy rainfall, coastal flooding are major concerns for much of the state. Tropical storm force winds are likely starting Sunday morning and could extend into central and north Louisiana. Isolated tornadoes are also possible. Local leaders in some coastal areas have issued evacuation orders. Others are possible as Tropical Storm Cristobel moves closer to the state.

"The window of time to prepare is closing," said GOHSEP Director Jim Waskom. "Today is the day to get any emergency plans completed. Go to www.getagameplan.org to help with that process. It is difficult to determine exactly where the most severe weather problems will develop. It is extremely important for you to monitor the media and follow any instructions from your local leaders. Also, stay weather aware and watch for alerts issued by the National Weather Service."

Flash flooding will likely occur due to heavy rainfall. Never drive on flooded roadways. Check out the Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development's website www.511.la.gov for updated road closure information.

Activity at select COVID-19 testing sites has been suspended until weather conditions improve.

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Finalize an emergency communications plan with your family and co-workers.

Check your emergency supplies. Remember to include any items needed to sustain each family member for at least 3 days.

Supply kits should include:

- A three to five- day supply of water (one gallon per person per day) and food that won't spoil
- A supply of face coverings, hand sanitizer and disinfectant wipes due to COVID19 concerns
- One change of clothing and footwear per person, and one blanket or sleeping bag per person
- A first aid kit that includes your family's prescription medications
- Emergency tools including a battery-powered radio, flashlight and plenty of extra batteries
- An extra set of car keys and a credit card, cash or traveler's checks
- Sanitation supplies
- Special items for infant, elderly or disabled family members
- An extra pair of glasses
- Important family documents in a portable, waterproof container
- Mess kits, paper cups, plates and plastic utensils, paper towels
- Paper and pencil
- Books, games, puzzles or other activities for children
- Infant formula and diapers
- Pet food and water

Members of the public should monitor the news for weather updates and follow guidance from local officials about storm issues in the coming days. The Governor's office will also share updates about severe weather and COVID-19 through its texting system. People may opt-in by texting LAGOV to 67283 and sign up for phone calls by going to [Smart911](#).

Find more tips on weather and preparedness on GOHSEP's Facebook and Twitter accounts. Listen to conversations on all aspects of emergency management by downloading GOHSEP's The Get A Game Plan Podcast. You can receive emergency alerts on most smartphones and tablets by downloading the new Alert FM App. It is free for basic service. The Get A Game Plan App is another resource available to help you and your family prepare for any type of emergency. You can download the Louisiana Emergency Preparedness Guide and find other information at www.getagameplan.org.

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